(*b*) how many tanks are there from which water is taken by the Municipality for the townsfolk's use;

(*c*) are there not low-lying paddy lands practically all round the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) From the experiences we have of the conditions of water supply in tanks around the Trichur town it is possible to say that under very favourable conditions a tank can be depended upon to give about 20,000 to 25,000 gallons of water a day. This is during the driest part of the year. The immediate needs of the population will be about 5 lakhs of gallons per day.

(*b*) Five.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether these 5 tanks referred to are situated very near the engine or in distant places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Not very far from the principal pumping house.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what is the quantity of water that is taken from these 5 tanks daily?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think that will be 90,000 to 1 lakh gallons per day.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, whether water is being supplied to the mills?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think that mills are supplied.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what exactly is meant by "favourable conditions" mentioned in your answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is not in every place where the tank will be successful. There should be proper springs. We must select the site for that.

TEXTILE MILLS—CONDITIONS OF LABOUR

74. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many persons are employed in the Sitaram Mills, Ltd., Trichur, and in the Cochin Textiles, Ltd., Amballur, respectively;

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(*b*) how many men, women and children are employed;

(*c*) how many shifts are they working for the last 4 months, *i.e.*, Edavam, Mithunam, Karkadagam and Chingam 1117;

(*d*) whether there is work on Sundays also;

(*e*) if worked on Sundays, are the employees given other holidays as compensation;

(*f*) whether the boys are being worked in the night;

(*g*) whether the girls are being relieved of the work at 5 p.m.;

(*h*) whether there have been complaints that they are detained after 5 p.m.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Sitaram Mills: 2,485
Cochin Textiles: 1,901

	Sitaram Mills	*Cochin Textiles*
(*b*) Men	1,945	1,136
Women	465	460
Adolescents	75	265
Children	..	40

(*c*) In the Sitaram Mills, 2 shifts till 15th Karkadagam 1116 and 3 shifts from that date till now. In the Cochin Textiles—2 shifts.

(*d*) In the Cochin Textiles there was Sunday work.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) In the Cochin Textiles boys were engaged to work in the night.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether according to the Factory Regulation in a week, at least one day should be a holiday?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know why the Cochin Textiles have violated this rule?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They do Sunday work. This is against section 35 of the Factory Rules, and action is being taken against them.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* For how long have they been infringing this rule?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In the answer it is stated that there are 40 children working in the mills. May I know how long they are asked to work in a day?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In the case of children they have not transgressed the provisions of the Act.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* When did this matter first come to the notice of the Government that they are working on Sundays?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the exact date, I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the date of the report?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is not a complaint that girls are not relieved of their work at 5 p.m.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In fact, according to Factory Rules, these girls need not be sent away at 5 o'clock. In this case also there has not been any infringment of rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have they applied for exemption to work on Sundays?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have taken action in the matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has the Textiles applied to Government to exempt them from the rules?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Then no action would have been taken against them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any application come for exemption?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The rules cannot give any exemption. The rules do not contemplate that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I know as much as you can. What I want to know is whether they have put in any application.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there are female children or adolescents in the number given? Here the number given is 265 adolescents and 40 children.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any closing time observed in the Textiles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It works for all the 24 hours.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will the Government be pleased to see that the rules under the Factory Act are amended in such a manner as would prevent girls from working after 5 p.m.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In the case of Factory Rules we have adapted them from the rules obtaining in Madras. There, they have not made such an alteration.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* Why not we do so?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know when the girls are being relieved of their work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That depends on the shifts and when the shifts are over they are sent away.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Are they allowed to work even in the night?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Up to 7 p.m.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do they actually work in the night shifts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They can be allowed to work till 7 p.m.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I just wanted to know whether they are to work till 7 p.m.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

PALLURUTHI OIL MILLS—OVERWORKING OF LABOURERS

75. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ദയവു മറുപടിപറയുമോ.—

(*a*) പള്ളുരുത്തി ഓയിൽമിൽസ്സിൽ ഫാ-ം ക്ല-ം മണിക്കൂർ ജോലി

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